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PART I- INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF CONTROL & SUPERVISION (ICCS)

1. THE PRG MADE ITS PAYMENT OF 4.5 MILLION FRANCS
ARTICLE 14(C) OF THE ICCS PROTOCOL ON MAR 30 (30 DAYS IN
ARREARS). THE DRV HAD MADE ITS REQUIRED PAYMENT ON MAR 16 AND
THE US AND RVN MADE THEIRS ON OR BEFORE X PLUS 30 AS REQUIRED BY
THE PROTOCOL. THE INITIAL 18 MILLION FRANC CONTRIBUTION
UNDER ARTICLE 14(C) HAS, THEREFORE, BEEN RECEIVED BY THE ICCS.
FUTURE PAYMENTS WILL BE GOVERNED BY ARTICLE 14 (B).

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2. MID- AFTERNOON APRIL 2 A SMALL DEMONSTRATION ESTIMATED BY
EMBOFF NUMBERING APPROXIMATELY 100 PEOPLE MARCHED TO ICCS
SECRETARIAT BUILDING (WHERE ICCS PLENARY WAS IN SESSION) TO
DISPLAY BANNERS CALLING FOR CESSATION OF COMMUNIST AGGRESSION
IN ORDER FOR PEACE TO BE ACHIEVED. DEMONSTRATION WAS ORDERLY
WITH HEAVY PRESS COVERAGE ATTENDANT. GVN POLICE PRESENT IN
QUANTITY. EMBOFF JUDGED DEMO HAS GVN ACQUIESCENCE, AND
POSSIBLY INSPIRATION.

PART II- FOUR PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM (FPJMC); PW RELEASE

CAPTAIN ROBERT T. WHITE, THE ADDITIONAL US POW WHOSE CAPTURE BY THE PRG WAS ANNOUNCED ONLY LAST WEEK, WAS RELEASED APRIL 1 IN VINH BINH PROVINCE (MR 4) TO ELEMENTS OF THE FPJMC TEAM. WHITE' S RELEASE BROUGHT TO 588 THE TOTAL OF AMERICAN POWS (564 MILITARY, 24 CIVILIAN) RELEASED BY THE DRV, PRG AND PATHET LAO.

PART III- TWO PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION (TPJMC)

VIET CONG TPJMC CHIEF VISITS HANOI. LT GEN TRAN VAN TRA, CHIEF OF THE VIET CONG TPJMC CONTINGENT, VISITED HANOI OVER THE WEEKEND, PROBABLY TO PARTICIPATE IN HIGH- LEVEL STRATEGY SESSIONS WITH TOP PARTY AND MILITARY LEADERS. BEFORE DONNING THE SHAPELESS FATIGUES OF THE LIBERATION ARMY, TRA HAD BEEN DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE NVA AND IS, HIMSELF, AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE. ACCORDING TO VNA, TRA CALLED ON THE NORTH VIETNAMESE DEFENSE MINISTRY MAR 31 AND WAS " WARMLY GREETED" BY GIAP AND OTHER NVA LUMINARIES.

PART IV- GVN/ PRG BILATERALS

WEEKEND ISSUES OF OFFICIAL VIETNAM PRESS (VP) GAVE HEAVY COVERAGE TO MAR 30 SESSION OF GVN/ PRG BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS TAKING PLACE OUTSIDE OF PARIS. PRG DURING MEETING PROPOSED AN AGENDA CONSISTING OF " FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY IN SOUTH VIETNAM", ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD, AND GENERAL ELECTIONS. DURING EXCHANGE AFTER PRESENTATION OF PREPARED STATEMENTS, ACCORDING TO VP, PRG SPOKESMAN PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF TWO STATEMENTS OF PRINCIPLE: (A) THAT THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS HAD BROUGHT VICTORY TO VIETNAM AND (B) THAT THE PRESENCE OF THE NVA IN SOUTH VIETNAM IS " CONSISTENT WITH PRINCIPLE". GVN CHIEF SPOKESMAN VIEN REPLIED THAT COMMUNISTS WERE NOT VICTORIOUS AS THEY HAD BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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DEFEATED IN 1968 AND 1972, ESPECIALLY AT AN LOC, THE STALINGRAD OF VIETNAM, AND THAT NVA WAS NOT WANTED IN SOUTH VIETNAM BECAUSE OF ATROCITIES THEY COMMITTED AGAINST CIVILIANS SUCH AS IN HUE IN 1968, AND SOUTH OF QUANG TRI IN 1972. AFP REPORTS QUOTED IN VP ADD SUCH FURTHER DETAILS AS STATEMENT ON ARRIVAL AT CONFERENCE SITE BY GVN DELEGATE VIEN CONTRASTING COMPLETION OF US WITHDRAWAL WITH CONTINUED INFILTRATION OF NVA FORCES.

PART V- CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS

THE SEMI- OFFICIAL VIETNAM PRESS HAS NOW CHARGED THE COMMUNISTS WITH 9,413 CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS SINCE THE CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT WENT INTO EFFECT TO 6 AM APR 2. A TOTAL OF 15,619 COMMUNIST TROOPS HAVE BEEN KILLED, 209 CAPTURED AND 1,025 CREW- SERVED AND 4,454 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS SEIZED. ARVN CASUALTIES WERE 3,365 COMBATANTS KILLED, 16,339 WOUNDED AND 921 MISSING IN ACTION. IN ADDITION, 492 CIVILIANS HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES,

1,409 HAVE BEEN WOUNDED AND 945 ABDUCTED BY THE COMMUNISTS.

PART VI- HANOI/ PRG PROPAGANDA

1. ON APR 1 VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST NEWS MEDIA REACTED STRONGLY TO CHARGES BY FORMER US PRISONERS THAT THEY WERE MISTREATED DURING THEIR DETENTION. HANOI RADIO ACCUSED THE USG OF LAUNCHING A " VICIOUS PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN" IN WHICH THE EX- PRISONERS WERE BEING USED AS PAWNS. THE PARTY NEWSPAPER, NHAN DAN, AND THE VIET CONG' S LIBERATION RADIO CONTRASTED RECENT REMARKS BY THE FORMER PW' S WITH THOSE MADE EARLIER BY US MEDICAL AND ESCORT PERSONNEL. THE VIET CONG BROADCAST WENT ON TO CLAIM THAT THE " US RULING CLIQUE" HAD COMBINED " INTIMIDATION AND CONTROL WITH

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FLATTERY AND BRIBERY", INCLUDING GIFTS OF CASH, PROMOTIONS
IN RANK, AUTOMOBILES, AND " LIFE- TIME TICKETS TO FOOTBALL GAMES"
TO COMPEL THE RETURNEES TO MAKE " UNTRUTHFUL STATEMENTS".
LIBERATION RADIO ALSO QUOTED TOM HAYDEN' S COMMENT THAT " THESE
PEOPLE" (I. E. THE RETURNEES) " ARE LIARS AND HYPOCRITES".
ACCORDING TO COMMUNIST MEDIA THE PRESENT CAMPAIGN IS
MOTIVIATED BY PRESIDENT NIXON' S DESIRE TO " INCITE CHAUVINISTIC
SENTIMENTS" AT HOME AND THEREBY TO " DIVERT ATTENTION TO THE
PW ISSUE AND AWAY FROM HIS CRUEL WZ ESCALATION ACTS IN
INDOCHINA". HANOI RADIO, FOR ITS PART, SAID THAT THESE
" US MANEUVERINGS" WOULD " CONTRIBUTE NOTHING TO THE ESTABLISH-
MENT OF NORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE DRV AND US".

2. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN ISSUED
A STATEMENT ON MAR 31 CONDEMNING " ENCROACHMENTS UPON THE
TERRITORY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF THE DRV AND OPEN VIOLATIONS OF
ARTICLE TWO OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIET- NAM". THE AIR
SPACE VIOLATIONS ALLEGEDLY TOOK PLACE ON MAR 29 AND 31 OVER
QUANG BINH AND HA TINH PROVINCES. THE NUMBER OF PLANES
SUPPOSEDLY INVOLVED WAS NOT SPECIFIED.

PART VII - MR I

1. THERE WERE 24 INCIDENTS REPORTED IN MR I OF WHICH 18 WERE
ATTACKS BY FIRE (ABF) AND 3 WERE GROUND ATTACKS. THE FIRST
DIV AO WEST OF HUE WAS AGAIN THE MAJOR TARGET WITH A TOTAL
OF 14 ABFS. FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRED 1,198 ROUNDS; 730
NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS, 468 SOUTH.

2. ARVN INTELLIGENCE REPORTS POSSIBLE ENEMY INTENTION TO
RELEASE 50 ARVN PW' S IN NEAR FUTURE IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE.

3. POLOFF REPORTS THAT QUANG NAM SECTOR HDQTRS EXPECTS AN
ENEMY THRUST, POSSIBLY AS EARLY AS MID- APRIL, THROUGH DAI
LOC DISTRICT INTO THE POPULATED AREAS OF QUANG NAM. THE
QUANG NAM PROVINCE CHIEF (PC), HAS ORDERED INCREASED
VIGILANCE ON THE PART OF LOCAL RF COMMANDERS AND DISTRICT OFFI-
CIALS. POLOFF COMMENT: GVN DEFENSIVE CAPABILITIES IN QUANG
NAM HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE 51 ST REG
FROM QUE SON DISTRICT BACK TO THE FIRST DIV AO. END COMMENT.

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4. IN A CONVERSATION WITH THE AREA DIRECTOR AND THE POLOFF, THUA THIEN/ QUANG TRI, LTG LAN QUANG THI, DEPUTY CG MR I, STATED THAT ANY DRIVE AGAINST HUE CITY WOULD BE LAUNCHED FROM BASE AREA 114 IN NORTHWESTERN THUA THIEN. ACCORDING TO THI, THE ENEMY WILL BE CAPABLE OF MOUNTING AN OFFENSIVE OF A TWO- WEEK DURATION IN ANOTHER 50 DAYS.

5. POLOFF IN QUANG NAM REPORTS THAT LOCAL GVN AUTHORITIES SAY THEY HAVE THUE FAR CONFISCATED APPROXIMATELY 4,000 " PEOPLE' S ID CARDS", ISSUED ON THE AUTHORITY OF THE " REPUBLIC OF THE SOUTHERN REGION OF VIETNAM" OVER THE SIGNATURE OF THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF QUANG NAM PEOPLE' S REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE - DANANG.

6. ACCORDING TO POLOFF QUANG NAM, THE CANDEL REPS HAVE URGED THE ICCS IN HOI AN TO EXTEND THE RANGE OF THEIR EXCUSIONS BEYOND THE PROVINCE CAPITAL. THE POLISH AND HUNGARIAN REPS REJECTED THE IDEA, ARGUING THAT THE TEAM SHOULD AWAIT THE DEPLOYMENT OF PRG REPRESENTATION TO AVOID THE APPEARANCE OF FAVORING THE GVN. THE CANDEL AND INDODEL HAVE DECIDED TO TRAVEL BY THEMSELVES TO MARBLE MOUNTAIN JUST SOUTH OF DANANG CITY AND TO DAI LOC DISTRICT NEXT WEEK .

7. ICCS SUB- REGION TEAM IN HOI AN WAS INUNDATED THIS PAST WEEK WITH A PACKAGE OF 174 PROTEST LETTERS, PRIMARILY ANTI-COMMUNIST POLEMICS, WRITTEN BY LOCAL GROUPS OF PEOPLE AND ACCOMPANIED BY A COVER LETTER OF THE PROVINCE CHIEF. THE LETTERS WERE FORWARDED TO DANANG WHERE, ACCORDING TO A CANDEL SUB- REGION REG, THEY WILL BE " PUT IN FILE 13 " FOR NO FURTHER ACTION. LOCAL ICCS TEAM WILL CONTINUE TO INSIST THAT ALL REQUESTS FOR INVESTIGATION COME FROM THE JMC.

8. ICCS QUANG TRI CITY SUB- REGION TEAM IS NOW DEPLOYED ON A 24- HOUR BASIS WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE POLDEL AND HUNGDEL ON MAR 29. HUNGARIAN FEARS OF VIPERS AND OTHER SNALES HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN RESOLVED BY THE POURING OF OIL ON THE SAND AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE SITE. IN HUE THE ICCS REGION I TEAM IS MOVING ITS HDQTRS FROM THE HUONG GIANG HOTEL TO THE MACV COMPOUND VACATED BY US FPJMT OFFICERS LAST WEEK. A SIMILAR MOVE INTO THE FORMER HOI AN CORDS COMPOUND VACATED BY US ON MAR 29 IS PLANNED BY THE QUANG NAM SUB- REGION ICCS TEAM.

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PART VIII - MR 2

1. A TOTAL OF 18 ENEMY- INITIATED INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED FOR APR 1, ALL BUT FOUR OF THEM IN PLEIKU, BINH DINH AND PHU YEN. PREDOMINANT TYPE CONTINUES TO BE ENEMY ABF ON RVNAF POSITIONS. MOST SERIOUS INCIDENT WAS ABF FOLLOWED BY GROUND ATTACK ON RANGER POSITION IN THAN AN DISTRICT, PLEIKU, WHICH RESULTED N 16 RANGERS WIA; ENEMY CASUALTIES UNKNOWN.

2. DARLAC SECTOR REPORTS THAT VC ABDUCTED TEN FAMILIES (38 PEOPLE) FROM QUANG NHIEU VILLAGE, BAN ME THUOT DISTRICT, EARLY ON MORNING OF APR 1. THIS IS SECOND CASE OF ABDUCTION OA CIVILIANS REPORTED FROM BMT DISTRICT IN PAST SIX DAYS.

3. DELAY IN DEPARTURES OF DRV DELEGATION FROM PLEIKU MAR 30 (SAIGON 5324) REPORTEDLY RESULTED FROM UNCOOPERA - TIVE ATTITUDE OF VNAF FLIGHT CREWS. CREW ON MORNING FLIGHT SAID THEIR ORDERS CALLED FOR TRANSPORT OF DELEGATES ONLY AND MADE NO MENTION OF LUGGAGE OR EQUIPMENT, FOR WHICH THEY ALLEGEDLY HAD NO SPACE. COL. MACGREGOR, REGIONAL CANDEL CHIEF AND ICCS CHAIRMAN FOR THE WEEK, INTERVENED POINTING OUT WHERE STORAGE SPACE WAS LOCATED AND CARGO STRAPS TO CREW MEMBERS. EVEN SO, MATTER HAD TO BE REFERRED TO SAIGON. SETTLEMENT OF MORNING EPISODE DID NOT PREVENT SIMILAR DELAY OF AFTERNOON FLIGHT. POLOFF COMMENTS THAT MACGREGOR WAS CLEARLY UPSET AT VNAF OBSTINANCE. MACGREGOR BELIEVED TO THINK THAT HE IS GOING OUT OF HIS WAT TO ASSIST THE GVN IN REGULAR ICCS OPERATIONS; PETTY HARASSMENT OF THIS NATURE BY GVN DOES NOT HELP THE SITUATION OR IMPROVE GVN' S STANDING IN CANDEL EYES. PRG 46- MAN DELEGATION IN PHAN THIET FINALLY DEPARTED FOR SAIGON AFTERNOON OF MAR 31 ON TWO VNAF FLIGHTS, THREE OR FOUR HOURS APART WITH NO CAPARABLE INCIDENTS REPORTED.

4. NINH THUAN PROVINCE CHIEF, AT FAREWELL DINNER FOR US ELEMENT OF FPJMT, SAID HE WOULD NOT " RECOGNIZE" ANY PRG DELEGATE TO TPJMT WHO WAS NOT AN INDIGENOUS SOUTHERNER AND WOULD PREFER THAT PRG DELEGATES BE NATIVES OF THE PROVINCE. HEAD OF GVN ELEMENT OF FPJMT THERE, LT COL TIEN, IS NOT YET CERTAIN WHETHER HE WILL HEAD GVN ELEMENT OF TPJMT OR RETURN TO WORK AS HEAD OF NINH THUAN PACIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT
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OFFICE; FROM ARRO STANDPOINT, LATTER WOULD BE PREFERABLE SINCE PROGRAMS HAVE SLOWED DOWN WHILE TIEN AWAY.

5. SUB- REGIONAL ICCS TEAM IN KONTUM CONTINUES TO SLOG THROUGH LONG LIST OF VIOLATIONS SENT FROM REGIONAL HQ AT PLEIKU FOR INVESTIGATION; ALL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN PRESENTED BY THE GVN. CANDEL IS DOWN TO ONE MAN (OTHER HOSPITALIZED IN SAIGON WITH SERIOUS CASE OF MALARIA), WHO SAYS HE IS DISCOURAGED BY POLISH/ HUNGARIAN OBSTRUCTIONISM WHICH APPEARS DESIGNED TO PROTECT THE PRG. CANDEL PARTICULARLY

OBJECTS TO THEIR IRRELEVNT AND TIME- CONSUMING QUESTIONING
OF WITNESSES. HE SUSPECTS THAT COMMUNIST REPS WERE BADLY

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BURNED FOR AGREEING WITH GVN ALLEGATIONS IN A RECENT REPORT,
THE FIRST AND LAST UNANIMOUS ONE SUBMITTED BY KONTUM TEAM.
FURTHER COMPLICATING ICCS LIFE IS BREAKDOWN IN PA& E SUPPORT,
WHICH APPEARS TO STEM IN PART FROM COMPANY' S PROBLEMS WITH
ITS LOCAL EMPLOYEES IN PLEIKU AND KONTUM.

6. ICCS TEAM AT TR IV HQ IN PHAN THIET, OR AT LEAST CANDEL,
HAS BEEN TRYING TO MOUNT ON- SITE INVESTIGATION OF MAR 10
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INCIDENT IN WHICH VC OVERRAN RF OUTPOST IN TAN DIEN/ TAN BINH AREA OF BINH THUAN. MATTER WAS FIRST BATTED AROUND IN REGIONAL FPJMC, WHICH RECEIVED GVN COMPLAINT. PRG REPS MADE GRATUITOUS AND MISLEADING STATEMENT THAT THEY COULD "GUARANTEE SAFETY" OF ICCS INVESTIGATING TEAM THERE OR AT ANY OTHER LOCATION IN THIEN GIAO DISTRICT. PRG QUICKLY CHANGED ITS TUNE, HOWEVER, IN PROTEST AGAINST UNOFFICIAL OVERFLIGHT OF AREA BY CANDEL SECOND- IN- COMMAND, SAYING IT COULD NOT GUARANTEE SAFETY OF ANY FURTHER " UNOFFICIAL" VISITS. (CANDEL BELIEVES PRG LEARNED OF HIS FLIGHT THROUGH POLDEL, WHICH WAS VERY SOLICITOUS IN KEEPING PRG/ DRV ELEMENTS OF REGIONAL FPJMC INFORMED ON ALL ICCS ACTIVITIES.) PRG REVERSAL EVIDENTLY GAVE POLDEL AND HUNGDEL PRETEXT FOR ABORTING FIRST TR IV ICCS ATTEMPT AT ON- GROUND INVESTIGATION SCHEDULED FOR MAR 26. SECOND TRY AT MID- WEEK FEEL THROUGH FOR UNKNOWN REASONS. MOST RECENT ATTEMPT, MAR 30, HAD TO BE CALLED OFF BECAUSE OF NEW FIGHTING IN IMMEDIATE AREA.

7. PLEIKU ARRO REP TRANSITING SAIGON MAR 27 CALLED ON NAY LUETT, MINISTER OF ETHNIC MINORITIES. DURING CALL, NAY LUETT GOT WORD OF THIEU' S DECISION TO REMOVE PHU BON PC, LT COL NGUYEN VAN NGHIEM. NAY LUETT HAD PUSHED FOR NGHIEM' S REMOVAL ALMOST SINCE DAY NGHIEM TOOK OFFICE, THUS HE WAS VISIBLY PLEASED AT NEWS WHICH HE INTERPRETS AS EVIDENCE OF HIS OWN GOOD STANDING WITH THIEU. NGHIEM HIMSELF LATER CALLED AT NAY LUETT' S RESIDENCE (EVIDENTLY SAME EVENING) TO ASK FOR JOB IN MINISTRY, WHICH NAY LUETT POLITELY REFUSED.

PART IX- MR 3

1. LOW- RANKING ICCS CANDEL SOURCES REPORT THAT CANDEL AND INDODEL HAVE DECIDED TO MOVE TO AN LOC APR 3. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON THE REACTION OF THE POLES AND HUNGARIANS, BUT WE SUSPECT, BASED ON PAST PERFORMANCE, THEY WILL NOT GO ALONG.

2. SAME SOURCES REPORT FURTHER DELAYS AT XA MAT. PRG SAYS IT NEEDS MORE TIME TO COMPLETE WELL DIGGING. ICCS DELS ARE PLANNING TO LOOK AT IT ON APR 3. THE TENTATIVE TIMETABLE FOR MOVING IS NOW PUSHED BACK TO APR 14-15. CANDEL HAS DECIDED NOT TO FORCE THE ISSUE, PROBABLY FOR TWO REASONS: (1) CANDEL HAS JUST HAD ITS FIRST CONFIRMED MALARIA CASE, WITH A SECOND SUSPECTED, BOTH IN TR III IN PRG- CONTROLLED
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TERRITORY; (2) WITH B-52 STRIKES IN CAMBODIA AND TACAIR STRIKES AROUND TONLE CHAU, CANDEL IS NOW IN NO HURRY TO EXPOSE ITS PERSONNEL ALONG THE CAMBODIAN BORDER.

3. THE SAME SOURCES ALSO REPORT FURTHER DELAYS AT BIEN HOA

AIRFIELD, SO WE CAN SAFELY ASSUME THAT THE ICCS WILL NOT MOVE IN THERE TILL LATER THIS WEEK. CANDEL' S PORT OF ENTRY TEAM MEMBERS ARE LIKEWISE IN NO HURRY SINCE THEY STILL HAVE NO IDEA ABOUT WHAT POE TEAMS WILL DO SPECIFICALLY. THE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE IS STILL BEING DEBATED IN SAIGON.

4. IN LONG THANH DISTRICT, BIEN HOA PROVINCE, THE THAI THIEN VILLAGE CHIEF AND QUAN CHIN HAMLET CHIEF WERE SHOT TO DEATH APR 1. LOCAL POLICE THINK THEY KNOW WHO DID IT, BUT NOT WHO ORGANIZED IT. THE VIET CONG ARE SUSPECTED, IN THIS COMMUNIST- INFLUENCED AREA. IN THE SAME DISTRICT MAR 31, THE VC ABDUCTED 10 YOUNG BOYS AGED FROM 10-12, WHO WERE ONLY 600 METERS FROM THEIR HAMLET.

5. THE NVA/ VC CONTINUED THEIR HEAVY SHELLING OF THE TONLE CHAM RANGER BASE CAMP IN TAY NINH PROVINCE. DURING THE 24- HOUR PERIOD THAT ENDED AT 1000 APR 2, THE CAMP RECEIVED 550 ROUNDS OF MIXED MORTAR, HOWITZER, ROCKET, AND RECOILLESS RIFLE FIRE IN THREE SEPARATE ABF' S THAT KILLED TWO RANGERS AND WOUNDED 12 MORE, FOUR SERIOUSLY. ELSEWHERE IN MR III THE LEVEL OF NVA/ VC ACTIVITY WAS LOW, AND CONSISTED OF LIGHT, HARASSING ABF' S NONE OF WHICH EXCEEDED 20 ROUNDS, AND TWO GROUND PROBES.

PART X- MR 4

1. MILITARY ACTIVITY ROSE TO 60 INCIDENTS MAR 31 AND THEN DROPPED TO THE POST- TET AVERAGE OF 41 APR 1. DINH TUONG, WHICH WAS QUIET MOST OF THE LAST WEEK, HAD THE LARGEST NUMBER OF INCIDENTS APR 1. MOST CASUALTIES, HOWEVER, OCCURRED IN NORTHERN KIEN PHONG WHERE THE GVN CONTINUES TO RESIST NVA ATTACKS IN THE HONG NGU- CAI CAI AREA. A VC/ NVA 122 MM ROCKET HIT IN THE CENTER OF TAN CHAU, CHAU DOC, MAR 31 KILLING AT LEAST SEVEN CIVILIANS AND WOUNDING 17 MORE. AN ICCS TEAM HAD JUST LEFT THE TOWN AFTER INVESTIGATING A PREVIOUS ATTACK. THE VC/ NVA ALSO SHELLED HONG NGU APR 1. THE RENEWED ROCKETINGS HAVE FRIGHTENED THE POPULACE OF BOTH TOWNS AND SOME HUNG NGU RESIDENTS HAVE EVACUATED THE AREA WHERE MOST ROCKETS HAVE
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STRUCK.

2. THE REGION VI POLES AND HUNGARIANS ARE RESISTING CANADIAN EFFORTS TO GET THE REGION VI ICCS MOVING. THE COMMUNIST ICCS MEMBERS ONLY RELUCTANTLY JOINED IN THE REGION' S FIRST INVESTIGATION INTO THE MAR 24 MY THO ROCKETING AFTER THE CANADIANS AND INDONESIANS THREATENED TO INVESTIGATE WITHOUT THEM. THEY ARE NOW FIGHTING TO DISCREDIT THE INVESTIGATION REPORT, CLAIMING THAT ROCKET FRAGMENTS WERE PLANTED. THEY EVEN ACCUSED THE CANADIAN CHAIRMAN OF LYING ABOUT HIS INITIAL OBSERVATION OF THE SITE THE DAY THE ROCKET STRUCK. THE CANADIANS, APPARENTLY PRODDED BY AMBASSADOR GAUVIN, PLAN TO URGE REGION VI TO

" MAKE A NEW START" NOW THAT THE FPJMC HAS DEPARTED, ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE ENTIRE PEACEKEEPING BURDEN NOW RESTS ON THE ICCS. IF THAT APPEAL FAILS, THE CANADIANS AND INDONESIANS WILL ANNOUNCE THAT THEY WILL HENCEFORTH CONDUCT JOINT INVESTIGATIONS OF COMPLAINTS PRESENTED TO THE COMMISSION.

3. THE REGION VII CANDEL CHIEF HAS TOLD HIS SUB- REGIONAL TEAMS TO " STICK THE GVN WITH A VIOLATION" IF THEY CATCH THE GVN VIOLATING THE TRUCE. HE SAID THAT HIS TRI TON TEAM HAD OBSERVED A GVN AIRSTRIKE WHILE INVESTIGATING A ROCKETING IN TAN CHAU, CHAU DOC PROVINCE. THE CANADIAN REPORT WILL SAY THAT THE ROCKET CAME FROM " FORCES UNDER PRG CONTROL" BUT WILL ALSO NOTE THAT THE GVN AIRSTRIKES WHICH TOOK PLACE DURING THE INVESTIGATION VIOLATED THE CEASEFIRE. THE CANDEL CHIEF HAS BEEN CONCERNED BY THE FACT THAT REGION VII HAS INVESTIGATED ONLY GVN COMPLAINTS AND WANTS TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE POLES AND HUNGARIANS ON THE COMMISSION THAT THE CANADIANS WILL CONDEMN VIOLATIONS NO MATTER WHICH SIDE COMMITS THEM.

4. A TYPE OF VC/ NVA PROPAGANDA LEAFLET PICKED UP IN SOUTHERN KIEN PHONG IN LATE FEB URGES TERRITORIAL FORCES TO QUIT THE FIGHT AND DESERT THE THIEU REGIME WHICH IS TRYING TO CONTINUE THE WAR DESPITE THE AMERICAN DEFEAT. ANOTHER TYPE, SUPPOSEDLY SIGNED BY A FRIEND OF HOA HAO FOUNDER, HUYNH PHU SO, PRAISES THE HOA HAO, NOTES THEY HAVE BEEN " TRICKED" INTO " CARRYING AMERICAN RIFLES", AND URGES THEM TO WELCOME THE VICTORIOUS LIBERATION FORCES.

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